

Written Opinion of the
International Searching Authority
(Supplementary Sheet)

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Re Point V:

1. Document US 5,970,953 A (Document D1, see Figures 3 through 6) discloses a support element for the mutual support of a fuel injector (212) in a valve seat, in particular a valve seat of a cylinder head of an internal combustion engine, and of the fuel injector (212) against a fuel distributor (214), the support element having a clamp (210) and clips (254) arranged thereon and a bracket (222), the fuel injector (212) protruding through a hole (233) therein.
- 1.1 Thus the object of Claim 1 is not novel (Art. 33 (2) PCT).
- 1.2 Dependent Claims 2 through 19 do not seem to include any additional features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which Claims 2 through 19 refer back, fulfill the PCT requirements with regard to novelty or an inventive step, because the subject matter of Claims 2 through 12, 18 and 19 is known from Document D1, the subject matter of Claim 17 is known from DE 101 63 030 A (Document D2, see paragraph 0007 and Figures 1 and 2), and the subject matter of Claims 13 through 16 is derivable from US 6,276,339 B (Document D3, see Figures 1 through 3).

Re Point VII:

2. In contravention of the requirements set forth in Rule 5.1 a) ii) PCT, the description does not include the

relevant background information disclosed in Document D1,
nor a reference to that document.

- 2.1 The description is not in accordance with the claims as
required pursuant to Rule 5.1 a) iii) PCT.